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Attorney Docket No. 243352US2SRD DIV

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Title BACKGROUND NOISE/SPEECH CLASSIFICATION METHOD, VOICED/UNVOICED CLASSIFICATION METHOD AND BACKGROUND NOISE DECODING METHOD, AND SPEECH ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Papers recorded at (Grandparent Case)
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8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

16. ☒ Other: Request for Priority

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

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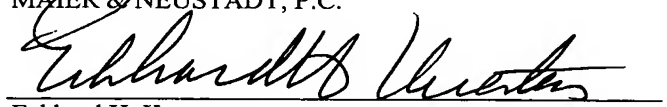
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